

Address of Requesting Entity: 4554 114th St., Urbandale, IA 50322

Description of Request: The Watershed Demonstration Project will help Iowa farmers identify and reduce their contribution to water pollution by providing technical assistance to groups of farmers in targeted watersheds and by collaborating with other watershed stakeholders to plan and implement watershed-specific strategies, measure outcomes, and adjust practices to optimize results. The proper management of natural resources related to cropland and the planning and implementation of conservation systems on cropland, especially in watersheds of impaired streams, is part of the federal mission, which this project helps to further. The work of improving and maintaining watershed health and water quality in agricultural watersheds will always require federal investment, and due to the downstream impact of Midwest agricultural water quality concerns all the way to estuary waters, such as the Gulf of Mexico, projects such as these are increasingly important.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TRAVIS W. CHILDERS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. CHILDERS. Madam Speaker, unfortunately Tuesday night, July 7, 2009, I was unable to cast my votes on H. Con. Res. 135 and H.R. 1129.

Had I been present for roll call No. 478, I would have voted "aye."

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BILL AND ANN BELLAIS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Rev. William Bellais, Ed.D., and his wife, Ann Bellais, of Chillicothe, Missouri. Bill and Ann are very dedicated individuals who exemplify the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership. I thank Grace Episcopal Church for hosting a retirement reception in their honor on Sunday, July 12, 2009.

Bill has an impressive list of degrees, ranging from theological studies to history to counseling psychology. He received his Doctor of Education degree in higher education management and education psychology in 1988 from New Mexico State University.

Bill's dedication to his community and his country has been exceptional. He served three years in the U.S. Marine Corps, including service in Korea, as well as 17 years in the Army as an intelligence specialist, including two years of service in Vietnam, receiving over a dozen awards along the way. He has been the Rector at Grace Episcopal Church in Chillicothe since 1992, as well as an active member of the Diocese of West Missouri. Bill is the Chaplain for the Home Health and Hospice Department at Hedrick Medical Center in Chillicothe, and he also serves as an adjunct faculty staff member for several colleges. Bill is

also active in countless community activities, serving on the Board of Directors for organizations such as Hope Haven Industries, the North Central Missouri Rural Housing Coalition, Chillicothe Area Habitat for Humanity, the Chillicothe Rotary Club, and many more.

Ann Bellais has been just as active in the community as her husband. She has been a strong leader in the Missouri State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution for years, having been an active member of DAR for an incredible 49 years. She has served as President for both the Chillicothe Church Women United group and the Chillicothe Garden Club. She has also served on the board of Hope Haven Industries, and she has represented the area for two hospitals in Kansas City—serving St. Luke's Hospital on a Spiritual Wellness Committee, and Children's Mercy Hospital on a regional council.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask my colleagues to join me in commending Bill and Ann Bellais for their dedicated service to the community of Chillicothe, Missouri. I know their colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking them for their commitment to others and wishing him happiness and good health in retirement.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN M. McHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. McHUGH. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN McHUGH

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service: Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: SUNY Environmental School of Forestry

Address of Requesting Entity: SUNY ESF Bray Hall 224, Syracuse, NY 13210

Description: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for the eradication of the Asian Long-Horned Beetle in New York State forest lands. The Asian Long-Horned Beetle is an invasive species that can have disastrous effects on forest areas. Several beetle infestations have already occurred in the U.S. including Chicago, NJ, Staten Island, NY and most recently in Worcester, Massachusetts in August 2008. In order to eradicate the beetle 30,000 trees were cut down in an effort to keep the beetle from spreading. While other methods are being explored, chopping down infested trees and burning the wood is currently the only way to eradicate the beetles which have no known natural predator in the U.S.

More than 61 percent of New York State is forested and highly vulnerable to an introduction of Asian Long-Horned Beetle. The trees preferred as hosts by the Asian Long-Horned Beetle are hardwoods, which also compose the majority of the Northeast United States mixed hardwood forests critical to New York rural economic vitality and the forest products

and wood-based renewable energy industries, New York State water quality, sequestration of carbon and greenhouse gases known to contribute to climate change.

There is no wide scale proactive protection technology deployed today and the threat is moving north toward the Catskill and west toward the Adirondack and Southern Tier. The Asian Long-Horned Beetle infestation is an economic, social and environmental disaster waiting to happen. Presently, all therapies for Asian Long-Horned Beetle infestation are reactive; all the trees are removed for miles around.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. 2892, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEN CALVERT

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of California—Agriculture and Natural Resources

Address of Requesting Entity: 1111 Franklin Street, Room 6402, Oakland, California 94607

Description of Request: I have secured \$3,000,000 to continue the highly successful Pierce's Disease and Invasive Species Research Program. This program funds competitively awarded research grants to find solutions to this potentially devastating bacterial disease that threatens California's wine grape industry, as well as other grape varieties, citrus, almonds and tree fruit.

This program also focuses on other invasive species impacting California and the nation. These include pathogens (West Nile virus, Avian Influenza, Sudden Oak Death), insects (vine mealy bug, light brown apple moth), marine and fresh water species (green crab and quagga mussel), and weed species (yellow star thistle). Greater knowledge of these species, understanding of invasion biology parameters, and potential control and eradication strategies is critical for California and the U.S.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEN CALVERT

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC)

Address of Requesting Entity: 18700 Ward St., Fountain Valley, California 92708

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 to expand an existing program and add an additional 5,500 Smart Irrigation Controllers to residential and commercial properties in Orange County, CA by 2011. These Smart Irrigation Controllers assist water customers in delivering the appropriate amount of water to residential and commercial landscapes by monitoring and accounting for soil type, slope, plant type, sun exposure and current weather conditions.

Smart Irrigation Controllers, as a part of MWDOC's overall Water Use Efficiency Program, will assist water users in the district in more efficiently utilizing water resources and reduce the dependence of the area on water imported from Northern California and the Colorado River. The implementation and demonstration of this technology can serve as a demonstration project for areas of the arid west and other regions of the United States subject to water shortages who may be interested in utilizing this technology to decrease water consumption.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Fiscal Year 2010 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF MILLER

Project Name: Flight Test Operations Facility (413 FLTS)

Account: Air Force

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Eglin Air Force Base

Address of Requesting Entity: Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, 32542

Description of Request: \$9,400,000—Flight Test Operations Facility (413 FLTS). I requested these funds to provide the 413th Flight Test Squadron the necessary facilities to conduct developmental and qualification testing of aircraft. The entity to receive funding for this project is Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, 32542. The funding would be used to upgrade facilities necessary to ensure mission success, minimize acquisition costs and fielding delays. Functional areas include administration, operations and special purpose areas including open storage area with SIPRNET, workshop/maintenance area with compressed air, a hoist system and an electrical system capable of providing multi-phase power and covered outside storage. The squadron is currently operating at 50% of the net office space recommended by AFH 32-1084. Aircrew life support equip lockers, printers, shredders and other office machines are stored and operated in hallways because of the lack of space and overcrowding. The unit does not have a dedicated facility but is provided space in other units' facilities. The 413th occupies 19,101SF in four separate facilities, two on base and two leased off base. I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interest of my spouse or me. Consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that this request (1) is not directed to any entity or program named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended for a "front" or "pass through" entity; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of HR 2997: Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Act for FY 2010.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: HR 2997

Account: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service—Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: State of New Jersey, Department of Agriculture

Address of Requesting Entity: 369 South Warren Street, P.O. Box 330, Trenton, NJ 08625

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for the New Jersey Gypsy Moth Pest Management Program to support and enhance gypsy moth control on affected communities and public lands. Funds will be used to cost-share aerial treatments borne by local municipalities to develop a web-based interactive online map showing the distribution of gypsy moths in New Jersey and proposed treatment areas. The funds will also be used for technical support, salaries, and vehicle operation.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DOC HASTINGS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, to provide open disclosure, I am submitting the following information regarding a project that I support for inclusion in H.R. 2487, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Amount: \$100,000

Account: U.S. Department of Justice

Entity receiving funds: Washington State Meth Initiative located at 510 Tacoma Avenue South, Tacoma, WA 98402.

Description: These funds will be used to implement this anti-methamphetamine initiative, which brings together law enforcement, prosecutors, and treatment professionals from across the state to work together to address all aspects of the meth epidemic.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN LEE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. LEE of New York. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of the FY10 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman CHRISTOPHER LEE (NY-26)

Bill Number: H.R. 3082

Account: Military Construction—Air Force Reserve

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station

Address of Requesting Entity: Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, 2720 Kirkbridge Drive, Niagara Falls, NY 14304

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$5.7 million for Project #RVKQ 10-9091, the Indoor Small Arms Range that would support the requirements of the Base wings, the units of the new Armed Forces Readiness Center and the Department of Homeland Security tenants.

Of the total project amount, approximately \$4.4 million (or 77.1%) is for construction of the range; \$44,000 (or 1%) is for force protection; \$640,000 (or 11.2%) is for supporting facilities; \$254,000 (or 5%) is for contingency costs; and \$304,000 (or 5.7%) is for inspection and overhead.

The current situation requires personnel to shoot at a range in Canada when utilizing the M-24B machine gun and M-249 rifle. Additionally, the current number of firing line positions is inadequate to satisfy the volume of monthly training requirements which has grown with the addition of the Regional Readiness Center at the Base.

Due to the fact that the existing range is outdoors and off-Base, students and instructors are exposed to the elements and extreme temperatures for extended periods of time. In addition, an exorbitant amount of time is wasted by personnel who must travel a distance to the range. Also, due to extreme weather conditions, the Wing loses several months of weapons qualifying each year. This new Small Arms Range will allow personnel to meet all necessary mandatory weapons training as well as meeting safety and environmental requirements.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ANH "JOSEPH" CAO

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. CAO. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2997—the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

As requested by me, Rep. ANH "JOSEPH" CAO, H.R. 2997—the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010, provides for Tulane University, New Orleans, LA in support of phytoestrogen research project. This is in the Agricultural Research Account in the amount of \$1,426,000. This will benefit Tulane University, 6823 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118 in the form of funding to be used to partner the Tulane/Xavier Center for Bio-environmental Research (CBR) and the University of Toledo to manipulate phytoestrogen and phyto-antiestrogen levels in soybean seed and soy-based products. This project discovers new effects of natural dietary constituents (phytoestrogens) on health and disease